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1. TRANSMITTED HERewith ARE OFFICIAL FIGURES FOR THE
NUMBER OF ETHNIC GERMANS ARRIVING IN THE FRG FROM FOUR
EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IN DECEMBER, 1977 AS WELL AS
THE OVERALL FIGURES FOR THE YEAR.

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MONTH	POLAND	USSR	ROMANIA	CZECHO	TOTAL
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DEC.	3,922	872	537	65	5,396
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TOTAL: 1977	32,861	9,274	10,990	611	53,736
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(TOTAL: 1976)	29,366	9,704	3,764	849	43,683
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2. TRANSMITTED ALSO ARE THE NUMBER OF VISAS WHICH WERE ISSUED BY FRG EMBASSIES IN THESE FOUR COUNTRIES. THESE FIGURES ARE SOMEWHAT LESS THAN THOSE IN PARA 1 (THE NUMBER OF EMIGRANTS ACTUALLY ARRIVING IN THE FRG) AND THE DIFFERENCE GENERALLY REFLECTS THE NUMBER OF EMIGRANTS WHO HAVE LEFT EASTERN EUROPE USUALLY AS TOURISTS AND HAVE ILLEGALLY (FROM THE EASTERN POINT OF VIEW) STAYED IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC.

MONTH	POLAND	USSR	ROMANIA	CZECHO	TOTAL
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DEC.	2,183	812	442	18	3,455
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TOTAL: 1977	27,990	9,119	9,779	355	47,243
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3. POLAND: THE 1977 FIGURE OF 27,990 FALLS SOMEWHAT SHORT OF THE ANNUAL BENCHMARK FIGURE OF 30,000 CALLED FOR BY THE FRG-POLISH EMIGRATION AGREEMENT. WHILE THEY CONTINUE TO MONITOR IT CLOSELY, FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS ARE LESS CONCERNED ABOUT POLISH PERFORMANCE IN THIS AREA THAN WAS THE CASE SEVERAL MONTHS AGO.

4. ROMANIA: AS NOTED REFTTEL, THE FOREIGN OFFICE IS MOST PLEASED WITH THE THREE-FOLD INCREASE IN EMIGRATION FROM ROMANIA WHICH TOOK PLACE IN 1977.
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5. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: DESPITE DISAPPOINTMENT OVER THE LOW LEVEL OF EMIGRATION, IT PLAYS ONLY A MINOR ROLE IN CZECH-GERMAN RELATIONS. ACCORDING TO FOREIGN OFFICE AND RED CROSS ESTIMATES THERE ARE FEWER THAN 1,000 ETHNIC GERMANS ANXIOUS TO LEAVE CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

6. USSR: WE DO NOT HAVE AN ANALYSIS OF THESE FIGURES FROM THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND WILL REPORT WHEN IT IS AVAILABLE.
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